

## Sample of CSSP Linkages with other Agencies and Organizations

**White House Joining Forces** – CSSP has been a full participant in the teleconferences, and working groups (Wellness – Nov 2011, Community Models – Dec 2011, and PTSD/TBI conference scheduled for 10 Jan 2012)

**The Veterans Administration (VA) and Veterans Health Administration (VHA)** – All CSSP onsite and online training curriculum is developed and presented in collaboration and partnership with CSSP staff, the VA, DOD, and the North Carolina AHEC program. The training is promoted through the VA, DCOE, AHEC, its strategic partner WICHE and others.

**Veterans Health Administration (VHA)** partners and subject matter experts (SME) for CSSP onsite and online trainings from VISN 6 MIRECC: Harold Kudler, MD, Phillip Roels, OD. Robin Hurley, MD, Gary Mancil, OD. Kristy Straits-Troster, PhD...DR Kudler had performed over 40 onsite trainings, assisted in the development of all the CSSP training curriculum, co-created webinars, and training DVDs.

**Veteran Benefits Administration (VBA)** recently met with BG (Ret) Allison Hickey Under Secretary for Benefits who expressed enthusiasm for CSSP's potential to increase the number of civilian physicians who will use the VBA Disability Benefits Questionnaire.

**Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury (DCOE)** – DCOE Education Directorate selected CSSP for a Program Consultation Process in Q1 2011 and links directly to CSSP training from their website.

**National Resource Directory** <https://www.nationalresourcedirectory.gov/> - CSSP is completing the mounting of reciprocal links that promote each other's programs and intends to mount a page that will house the map that connects the NRO visitors to the CSSP [www.WarWithin.org](http://www.WarWithin.org) provider database.

**Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)** - CSSP in partnership with The Cloudburst Group and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) provided a webinar on Data Resources - Using Data Visualization Maps to Promote Effective Policy-Making. The webinar was held on 28 March 2012 but is available as an enduring product through SAMHSA. The intent of the webinar was to show the power of CSSP analytical tools, and military deployment demographic mapping coupled with other resources to provide policy makers with visual tools to determine the incident rates for deployment related issues in their communities.

**Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)** CSSP has been a long time partner with HRSA to promote clinician training and currently supporting a grant with the National AHEC Organization to use CSSPs training model and content in a train-the trainer format

<http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/grants/areahealtheducationcenters/ta/Trainings/veterans/index.html> HRSA - AHEC Training and Consultation Center (A-TrACC)

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**Army OneSource** – CSSP is partners with AOS to expand access to our onsite and online training <http://www.myarmyonesource.com/CommunitiesandMarketplace/NationalPartnerships/BehavioralHealth/default.aspx>, with superb assistance counted 8121 registrations to CSSP online courses attributable to AOS CSCs, - 62% of the 13.000 online registrations are a direct result of Army OneSource CSC efforts.

**Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE)** – CSSP is a strategic partner with WICHE, a regional governmental entity created by Congress in 1953, which serves the 15 western states. The mental health program is one of the oldest programs in WICHE, having been established in 1955. Their mission is to work with public systems of care to improve services in the West, and to work with higher education to ensure a quality behavioral health workforce.

**North Carolina’s Governors Focus on Servicemember, Veterans, and their Families** - CSSP is a founding member and a fully engaged partner in North Carolina’s Governors Focus on Servicemember, Veterans, and their Families, whose mission is to promote evidence-based and best practices in the screening, assessment, and treatment of active duty, National Guard, Reservists, and veterans who served in the military and their families. This effort includes the articulation and implementation of an integrated continuum of care that emphasizes access, quality, effectiveness, efficiency, and compassion. Principles of resilience, prevention, and recovery are emphasized along with state-of-the-art clinical services as part of a balanced public health and behavioral health approach. The Governor’s Focus envisions a referral network of services that will comprise a system through which servicemembers, veterans, and their families will have access to assistance during all stages of the deployment cycle in North Carolina. <http://www.veteransfocus.org/>

**The National Area Health Education Center Organization** - CSSP has partnered with the National AHEC Organization (NAO) in order to present train-the trainer civilian clinician education modeled on the CSSP Painting the Moving Train PTSD/TBI training. CSSP has presented workshops at the 2008 and 2010 biannual conference of The National Area Health Education Center Organization, the national organization that supports and advances the Area Health Education Center (AHEC) network in improving the health of individuals and communities have been transforming health care through education. CSSP uses the AHEC structure to disseminate our training through its 56 AHEC programs and more than 235 centers operating in almost every state and the District of Columbia. Approximately 120 medical schools and 600 nursing and allied health schools work collaboratively with AHECs to improve health for underserved and under-represented populations. CSSP Director Bob Goodale further participated in the 2012 Conference presentation about the HRSA/NAO train the trainer programs.

**The North Carolina General Assembly (NCGA) and NC Institute of Medicine (NCIOM)** - The CSSP along with nearly every one of their state partners were members of the task force that presented recommendations to the NCGA, which passed (Session Law 2011-185) and was signed into law by the Governor on 20 June, 2011. <http://www.nciom.org/publications/?militarybehavioralhealth>. The NC Institute of Medicine worked to study the adequacy of mental health, developmental disabilities, and substance abuse services funded with Medicaid and state funds that are currently available to active and reserve component members of the military, veterans, and their families and to determine any gaps in services.

**National Guard Bureau (NGB)** – CSSP is working with the NGB to build out and provide the [www.warwithin.org](http://www.warwithin.org) provider database as a referral tool to support the expansion of the vets4warriors vet-to-vet call center initiative...working with COL Bliss. CSSP briefed NGB in DC and hosted a visit to Chapel Hill.

**Clinton Global Initiative America (CGI)** – CSSP attended the May 2011 Conference and fully participated in the Veterans Employment Working Group to partner in the development and execution of veteran employment solutions.

**Congressional Testimony** - CSSP Principal Investigator Peter Leousis testified before the U.S. House of Representatives Subcommittee on Health Committee on Veterans Affairs February 28, 2008 "Mental Health Treatment for Families: Supporting Those Who Support Our Veterans".

### **Community, State and National SMEs**

- Associate Director Harold Kudler, MD, **VA VISN 6 MIRECC** <http://www.mirecc.va.gov/visn6/paint-moving-train.asp>. is a SME and presenter for onsite and online trainings
- LCSW Charlotte Wilmer, **Marine Corps Base Camp LeJeune, Community Counseling Center** is a SME for onsite and online training.
- Dr Jim Kelly, **Director, National Center for the Intrepid**, has been a SME and presenter at several onsite CSSP trainings including Western Colorado in 2010.
- LCDR Erin Simmons, **Naval Hospital Camp LeJeune** is a SME and presenter at CSSP onsite and online trainings. Helped develop and present the programs training on Issues of Women Returning From Combat
- **DCOE - The Center for the Study of Traumatic Stress** provided testimonials from Robert Ursano and Associate Director Brian W. Flynn, Ed.D. (RADM, USPHS, Ret), among others at <http://www.citizensoldiersupport.org/about/testimonials.php?id=9>
- CAPT Gail Hamilton 10 August 2010 Deputy Director, **DCOE Education Directorate** "They are the only DoD funded program to increase civilian provider training and access to Guard and Reserve. Their databases are amazing and their CEU program is also very comprehensive. DCoE is working with them to assess their programs as well as publicize their programs."
- **National Guard Association of the United States** COL Peter W Bickel Chair former **Joint Medical Task Force** is the CSSP Sponsor for access to DMDC data.

### **CSSP Presentations:**

The CSSP Director presented CSSP programs and services in Atlanta, GA on 18 August 2011 to a team from the **Air Force Reserve Component (ARC)** looking at airmen's ability to access community services as they relate to psychological health. Also look at the current state in the ARC to assist in identifying gaps that exist and opportunities for improvement.

CSSP presented at the 2009, 2010, and 2011 Annual Conferences of the **National Association for Rural Mental Health** <http://www.narmh.org/>

CSSP Director Bob Goodale participated in the **House Committee on Veterans' Affairs** Meeting of Stakeholders, "Heroes Homecoming; Reintegration Issues Facing Our Veterans 17 March 2011.

The CSSP Director participated in the **Mental Health America Iraq Afghanistan Vet/Counselor Proof-of-Concept Conference** 7 Feb 2011

The CSSP Director participated, along with CSSP partner Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education, in the 26th Annual **Rosalynn Carter Symposium on Mental Health Policy**, A Veteran's Journey Home: Reintegrating Our National Guard and Reservists into Family, Community and Workplace at the Carter Center 3-4 November 2010.

**AMSUS, The Society of the Federal Agencies:** CSSP presented Keeping the Faith with America's OEF/OIF Reserve Component Combat Veterans at the 116th Annual AMSUS, The Society of the Federal Agencies meeting for 31 October - November 4, 2010.

The CSSP Director presented "Improving Geographic and Financial Accessibility to Civilian Behavioral Health Providers" at the **DoD Joint Family Readiness Conference** Chicago 2 September 2009

**National Rural Health Association** - CSSP and Dr. Harold Kudler MD (VA/VISN 6) presented "State Efforts to Address Mental Health Needs of Returning Military Members, Veterans, and their Families" to the NRHA on 6 May 2009

The CSSP Director was a co-presenter at the **International Society for the Study of Traumatic Stress** November 2008 annual meeting in Chicago. The theme of the meeting was Terror and its Aftermath. VA VISN 6 MIRECC associates Harold Kudler, MD and Kristy Straights-Troster were the two other co-presenters

**Marine Corps Combat Operational Stress Control Conference** - CSSP presented "Painting a Moving Train: Preparing Civilian Community Providers to Serve Returning Warriors" at the 2008 Marine Corps Combat Operational Stress Control Conference